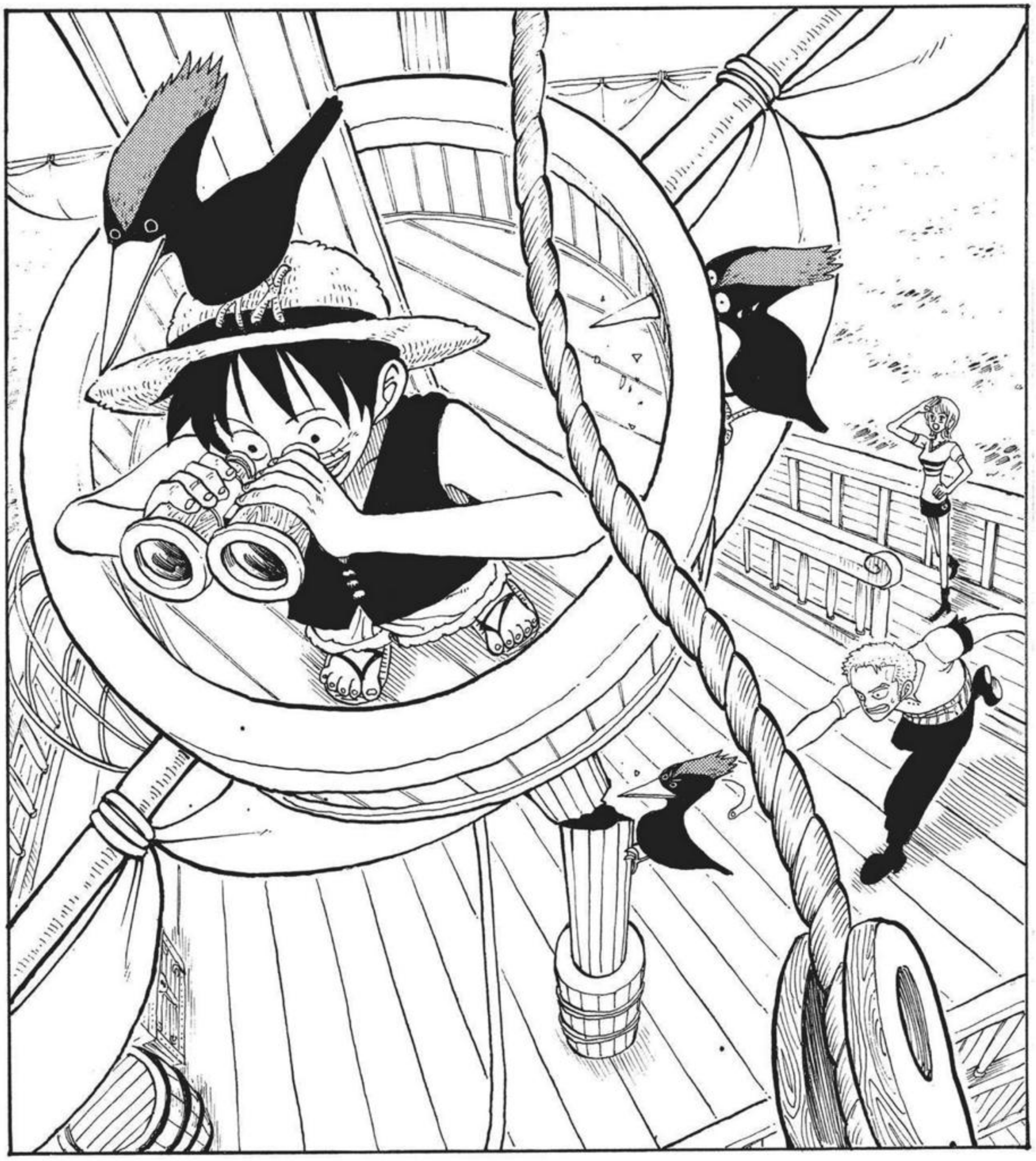
Chapter 26:

CAPTAIN KURO'S PLAN



OH, YEAH. "ACCIDENT." IT'S GOING TO BE AN "ACCIDENT," RIGHT...

...CAPTAIN KURO?

DJANGO, DJANGO. DON'T SAY "MURDER." IT SOUNDS SO SINISTER.

YOU'RE THE CAPTAIN NOW.

DON'T EVER CALL ME THAT.

QUIET, FOOL! I DISCARDED THAT NAME THREE YEARS AGO.

WAIT A MINUTE! I'VE HEARD OF CAPTAIN KURO BEFORE...

THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW.

HEY, WHAT'RE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

...

READ THIS WAY

BUT RUMOR WAS THAT THREE YEARS AGO, HE GOT CAUGHT BY THE NAVY AND EXECUTED.

HE WAS FAMOUS FOR HIS CAREFULLY-- PLANNED PILLAGING RAIDS.

IT WAS CRAZY. ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU QUIT PIRATING.

OH, NO?

YOU TAUGHT US ALL TO WORK WITHOUT YOU...

I WASN'T TOO SURE ABOUT THIS PLAN.

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH...

YOU CAME TO THIS VILLAGE...

AND WE HELPED SPREAD THE RUMOR THAT YOU'D BEEN EXECUTED.

NOW WE'RE BACK, THREE YEARS LATER, JUST LIKE YOU ORDERED.

BUT MY SHARE OF THE SPOILS HAD BETTER BE WORTH IT.

YOU'VE NEVER STEERED US WRONG BEFORE...

SO I'VE OBEYED YOUR ORDERS.

IF IT'S MURDER, THEN I'M YOUR MAN!

DA-DUM

IF MY PLAN SUC-CEEDS, YOU'LL GET WHAT YOU DESERVE.

YES...

HER DEATH MUST APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN AN UNFOR-TUNATE ACCIDENT. DON'T FORGET IT.

REMEMBER, YOU CAN'T JUST SLIT MISS KAYA'S THROAT, OR ANYTHING THAT CRUDE.

WE KILL--UH, WE *ACCIDENT* THE GIRL TO DEATH...

WE WAIT FOR YOUR SIGNAL, THEN WE ATTACK THE VILLAGE.

AND YOU INHERIT HER FORTUNE.

DON'T BE SILLY. I UNDER-STAND PERFECTLY.

IT APPEARS YOU STILL DON'T FULLY GRASP MY PLAN.

YOU JUST HAVE TO SERVE HER...

KRAK

LISTEN, IDIOT. THIS IS THE CRUCIAL PART OF THE PLAN.

FOOL! USE YOUR BRAIN!

HOW AM I GOING TO INHERIT HER FORTUNE?

!

SHE LEAVES HER ENTIRE FORTUNE TO HER FAITHFUL BUTLER, KLAHADORE!

BEFORE YOU KILL HER, YOU HYPNOTIZE HER!

AND YOU MAKE HER WRITE A WILL THAT SAYS...

I'VE SPENT THE LAST THREE YEARS EARNING THE TRUST OF EVERYONE AROUND HER.

NO ONE WOULD QUESTION IT IF SHE LEFT EVERYTHING TO ME. I'VE EARNED IT.

THAT'S HOW I WILL INHERIT HER VAST FORTUNE!

VERY NATURALLY.

THAT'S THE CRUDE THINKING OF A PIRATE. YOU GET THE MONEY, BUT YOU HAVE TO LIVE LIKE A FUGITIVE.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU WORKED AS A BUTLER FOR THREE YEARS.

WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN EASIER TO JUST BUST IN AND TAKE IT ALL AT GUNPOINT?

I'VE GONE LEGITIMATE. I'M A PACIFIST NOW.

WHAT GOOD ARE RICHES IF YOU'VE ALWAYS GOT THE NAVY CHASING YOU?

READ THIS WAY

I NEVER SLAUGHTERED ANYONE! KAYA'S PARENTS' DEATHS...

WELL, THAT WASN'T PART OF MY PLAN.

AND AFTER YOU WENT AND SLAUGHTERED THE GIRL'S WHOLE FAMILY!

HAR HAR HAR! I GUESS THERE'S ALL KINDS OF PACIFISTS!

WE'VE BEEN ANCHORED OFFSHORE...

...FOR A WEEK NOW.

SURE, WHATEVER YOU SAY.

JUST HURRY UP AND GIVE US THE SIGNAL.

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HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH

THOSE CUTTHROATS ARE READY TO CUT *EACH OTHER'S* THROATS BY NOW.

IT'S HORRIBLE! THEY'RE SERIOUS!

WEREN'T YOU LISTENING!?

WHAT DID THEY SAY? IT SOUNDED KINDA... MEAN.

HOW HORRIBLE!! I'VE ***REALLY*** JUST HEARD SOMETHING HORRIBLE!!!

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

...

I PICKED THE WRONG GUY TO PUNCH OUT! HE'S GONNA KILL ME!!

THAT BUTLER IS CAPTAIN KURO! HE'S STILL ALIVE!!

HE WAS AFTER KAYA'S FAMILY FORTUNE THIS WHOLE TIME!

FOR THREE YEARS HE'S BEEN PLOTTING TO GET IT ALL!

DON'T STAND UP! THEY'LL SEE YOU!

...

WUP

THIS IS HORRIBLE! REALLY HORRIBLE!

BA-BUMP BA-BUMP

THEY'RE GONNA ATTACK THE VILLAGE AND KILL KAYA!!!

DON'T KILL KAYA!!!

!!?

DA-

OOM!!

HEY! YOU GUYS!!

...!!

!!!

WHO'S THAT!?

READ THIS WAY

WE GOTTA RUN AWAY AND HIDE! THEY'LL MURDER US!!!

KRK KRK

YOU IDIOT! NOW THEY'VE SEEN US!!

GASP

NOW, THEY'VE SEEN ME, TOO!!!

WAAAH!!

WELL, WELL... IF IT ISN'T USOPP...

GRRR

...

B- B- BUH-

WE HEARD EVERY-THING!

TA—DAH!

SWAP

NO-- I MEAN-- HUH!? I J-JUST GOT HERE, SO I COULDN'T HAVE--

HEAR ANYTHING...

...INTERESTING?

READ THIS WAY

LOOK AT THIS RING.

ALL RIGHT, THEN. YOU GUYS...

...!

SO THEY HEARD US...

...

ONE...

...TWO...

WHEN I SAY, "ONE, TWO, DJANGO," YOU'LL FALL INTO A DEEP SLEEP.

OH NO! IT'S A WEAPON! HE'S GONNA KILL US!!

VEEN

WHAT'S THAT?

DJANGO!

...

WUMP

TAKE COVER! HE'S GONNA GET US!

READ THIS WAY

ZZZZZZ

BLAST IT, DJANGO, I THOUGHT YOU HAD THIS PERFECTED!

ZZZZZ

?!

WUMP

KRASH!!

!

WUP

WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?

HUH ?!

YOU'RE GONNA FALL!!!

!!!

SHF

READ THIS WAY

HE FELL RIGHT ON HIS HEAD. FROM THAT HEIGHT, HE'S DEAD FOR SURE.

HMM... DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL HIM.

WAP

WOOOO

HEY!!!

YOU OKAY!?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE OTHER ONE? KILL HIM, TOO?

HE KILLED HIM!!! KILLED HIM!!

HE-- IT CAN'T BE--

!?

NO ONE WILL BELIEVE ANYTHING THAT BUFFOON SAYS.

THAT WON'T BE NECES-SARY.

...!!

TO-MORROW...

AND KILL MISS KAYA.

CREATE A DISTRACTION, ROUGH UP SOME VILLAGERS...

!

DJANGO? TOMORROW, AT DAWN...

ATTACK THE VILLAGE.

CURSES! CURSES!

...!!

NO ONE WILL BELIEVE WHAT YOU SAY, SO YOU CAN'T STOP ME!

IT'S AS I SAID, USOPP.

OF COURSE. MY PLAN CAN'T FAIL.

YOU SURE IT'S OKAY?

SNORK

SNORK

WHOOSH!!

WAAAAH!!!

THEY'LL KILL KAYA!

TMP TMP TMP

THEY'LL ALL BE KILLED! EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE I GREW UP IN!

EVERYONE I LOVE!!

IT'S HOR-RIBLE!

PIRATES! PIRATES!

TMP TMP TMP

I'M HERE TO TELL YOU SOME STORIES TO CHEER YOU UP!

I HEARD YOU WEREN'T FEELING TOO WELL.

I'M USOPP, BRAVE WARRIOR OF THE SEA!

WHO ARE YOU?

I LOVE THIS VILLAGE!!

TMP TMP TMP

I'M JUST A BUSY-BODY!

I WON'T HURT YOU!

TMP TMP TMP

...!

OR I'LL HAVE SOME-ONE SHOW YOU OUT!

IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! PLEASE LEAVE!

CAPTAIN!

WHOOSH

HMM. I THOUGHT LUFFY WOULD BE WITH HIM.

READ THIS WAY

WOAH... WHAT WAS THAT?

TMP TMP TMP TMP

HE WAS PALE AS A SHEET!!

SOME-THING MUST'VE HAPPENED AT THE BEACH!!

NO! DID YOU SEE HIS FACE?

WHO KNOWS...

IS HE STILL UPSET ABOUT WHAT THE BUTLER SAID ABOUT HIS FATHER?

YEAH, SURE, BUT SHOW ME THE WAY TO THE BEACH.

IT'S TIME FOR USOPP'S PIRATES TO TAKE ACTION!

THAT HYPNOTIST WAS HEADED THAT WAY, TOO!

I SMELL TROUBLE!

HEY, HOW DO I GET TO THE BEACH?

...!!

PIRATES ARE GONNA ATTACK US!!!

EVERY BODY! LISTEN UP!

IT'S HORRIBLE!!

TMP TMP TMP TMP

HEAD FOR THE HILLS!!!

TOMORROW MORNING, PIRATES ARE GONNA ATTACK THIS VILLAGE!!!

HE'S REALLY OVER-DOING IT LATELY...

AGAIN!? DURING LUNCH?

FORGET IT. JUST IGNORE HIS FOOL TALES.

THAT'S TWICE TODAY.

THAT LYING BRAT IS AT IT AGAIN!

NO! THIS TIME IT'S FOR REAL!!!

THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY! NO MORE!!

GRRR

GRRR

THAT'S ENOUGH, USOPP!!

IF YOU WERE SERIOUS AND RESPONSIBLE LIKE MR. KLAHADORE, WE'D BELIEVE YOU...

BUT THIS TIME IT'S TRUE! YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME!

I'M ALWAYS JOKING AROUND...

MAYBE IT'S TIME TO TEACH YOU A LESSON.

THAT'S WHAT YOU *ALWAYS* SAY!!

EVERYONE'S REALLY GONNA BE KILLED!!

YOU GOTTA BELIEVE ME!! WE HAVE TO ESCAPE!

BLAST IT!! ...!

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU KNOW. YOU CAN'T INTERFERE WITH MY PLAN!

IF THIS PLAN SUCCEEDS, YOU'LL ALL GET MORE THAN YOUR FAIR SHARE.

THANK YOU, MY SEA-WOLVES, FOR COMING. IT'S BEEN THREE LONG YEARS.

FWUP

FWAP

FWAP

THREE CHEERS FOR CAPTAIN KURO!!

ARRG!!

HOORAY!!

TOMORROW AT DAWN! DESTROY THE VILLAGE!!!

SNORK

KRSSH

SNORK

HE SAID HE HAD BUSI-NESS IN TOWN.

I SEE.

HAVE YOU SEEN KLAHA-DORE?

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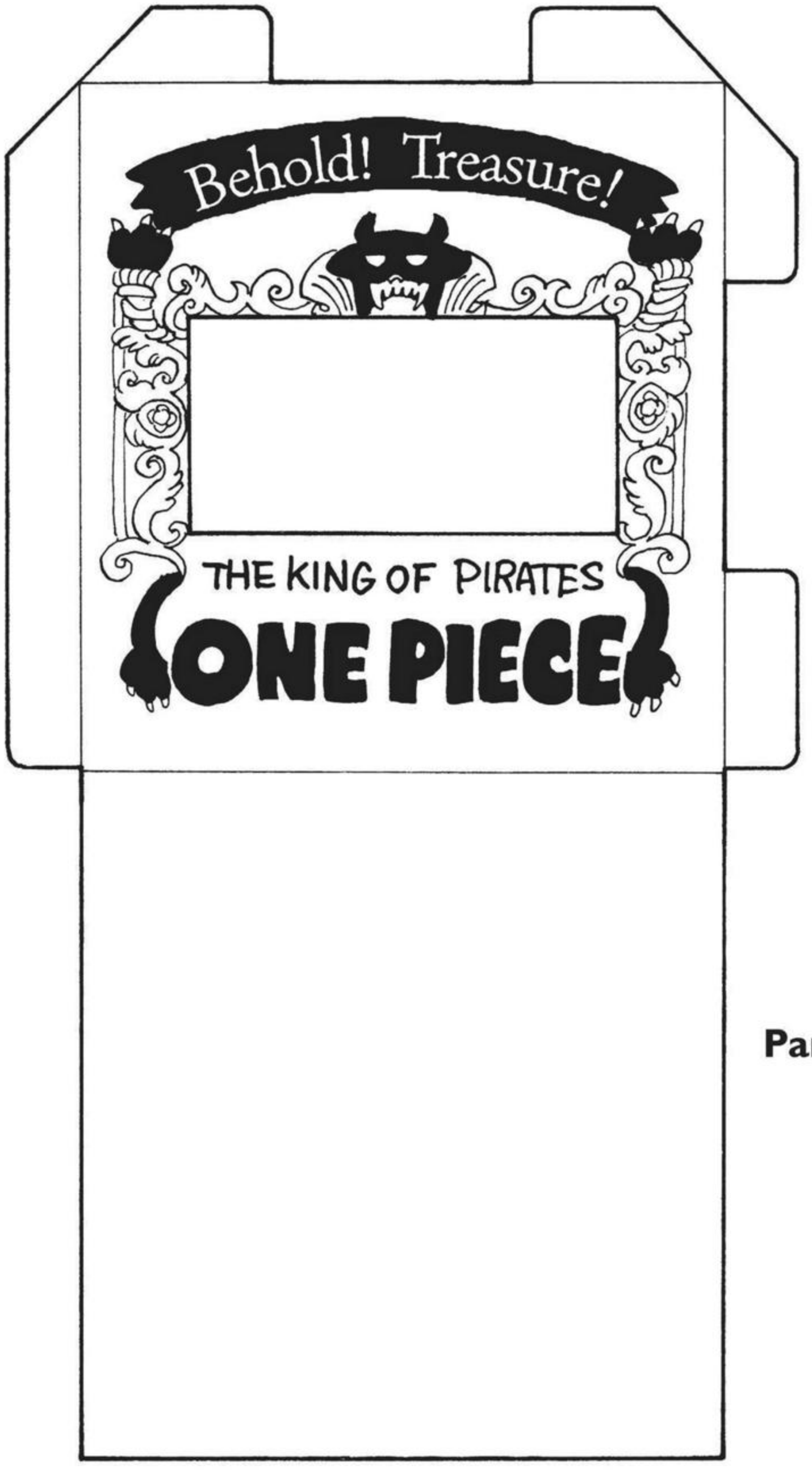
Let's Make a Treasure Theater!



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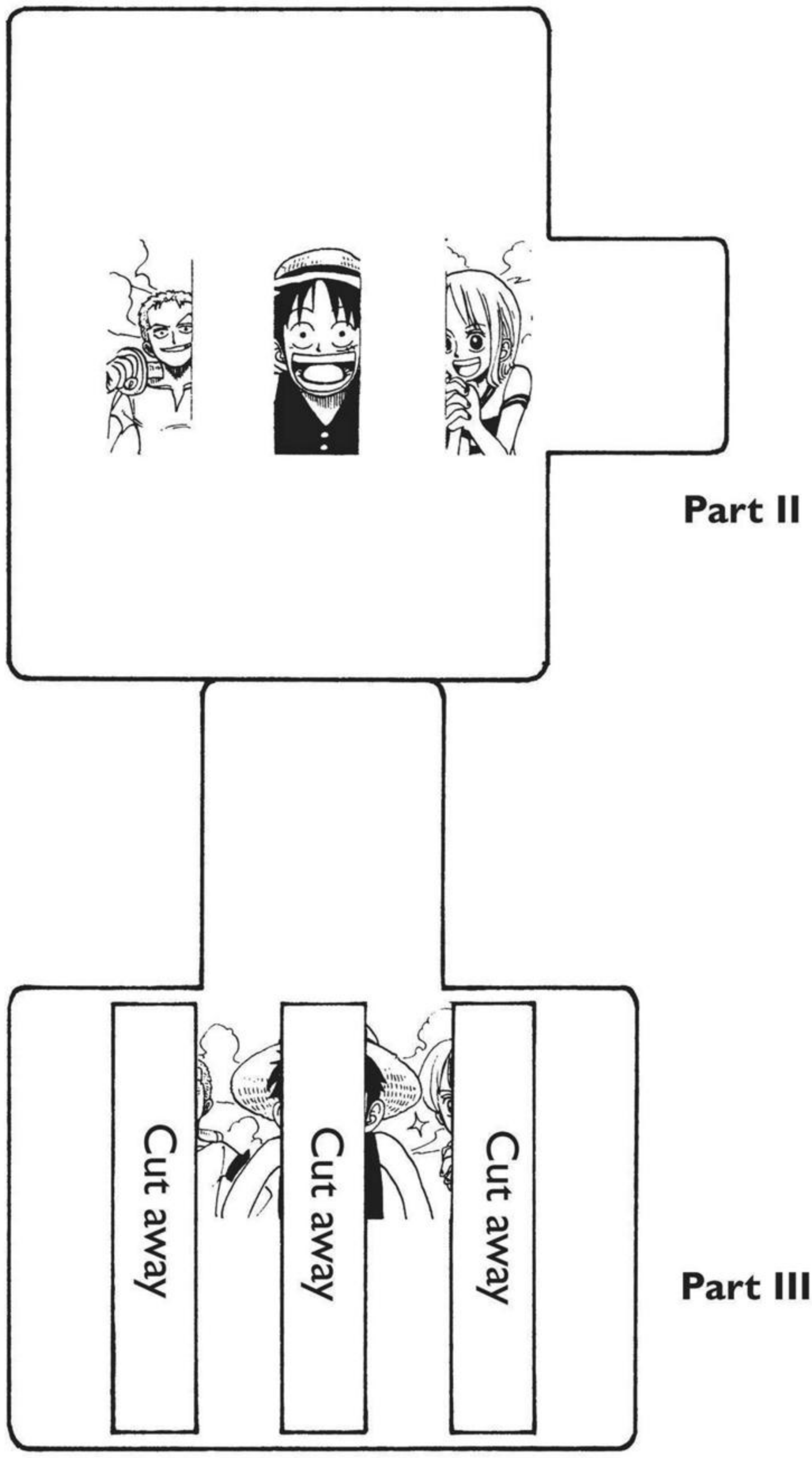


Part II

Part III

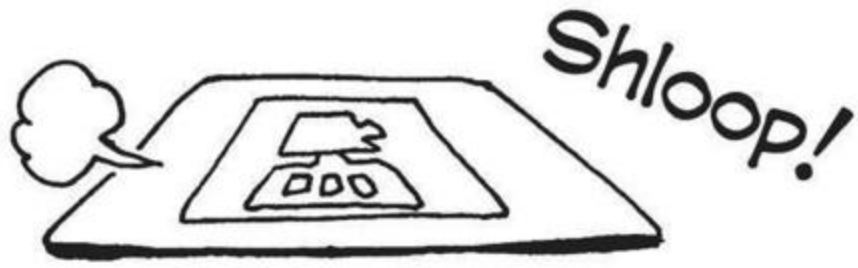
⇦ See next page for assembly instructions!!

How To Make a Treasure Theater

⚜ You'll need:
Scissors, cutter, glue or paste, a pen, stiff paper (on the thin side)

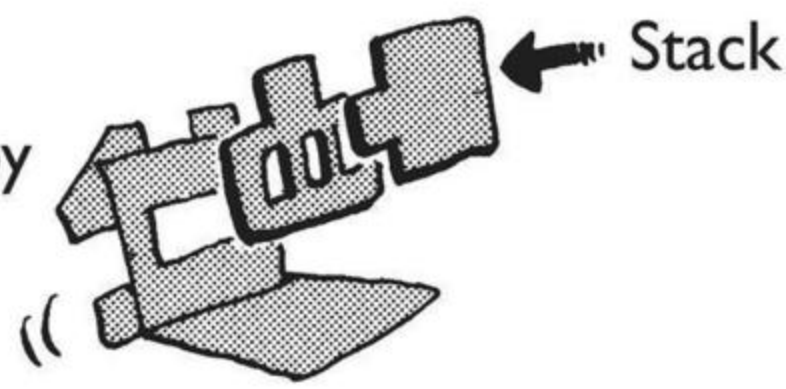
⚜ You won't need:
Tea. (Please don't go to the trouble.)

⚜ Instructions:
1. Glue. (To be cancelled in event of rain.)
Glue the pages containing Part II and Part III to a piece of the stiff paper.

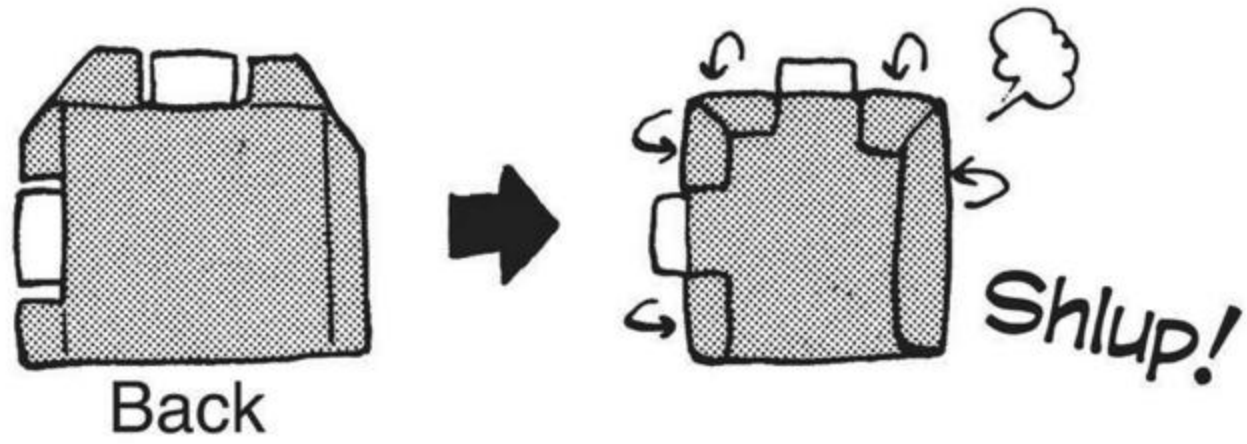


(Use a photocopy if you don't want to cut up your book.)
2. Cut.
Cut out Part I, Part II, and Part III. Be careful when cutting out the slots.

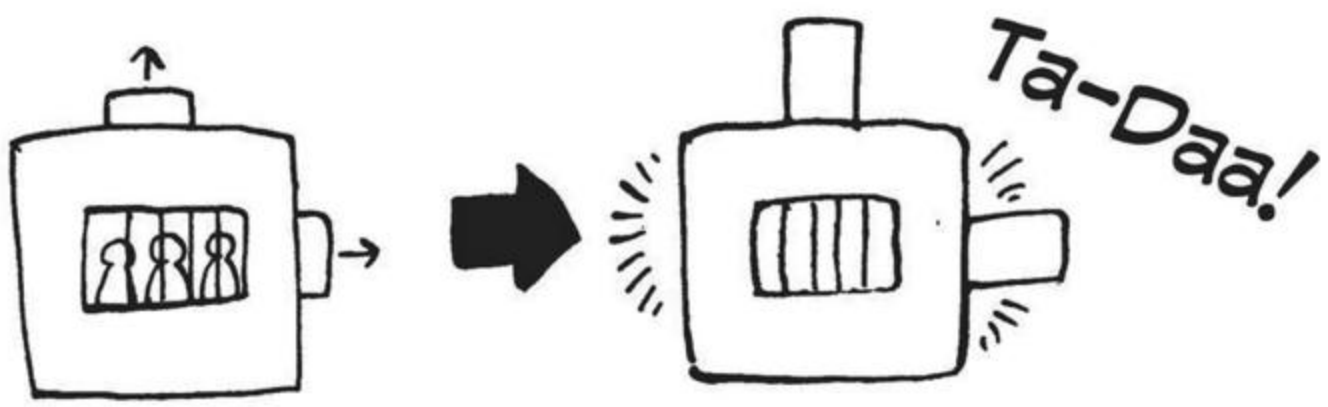
3. Assemble by placing II and III into I



4. More glue.
Fold over Part I and apply glue.



5. Draw in the "Treasure."



When you pull the tab…a white surface appears! Draw in the picture or words that you'd like, and your Treasure Theater is complete!!
(It'll be even nicer if you color it.)

L.A. Corner!! (Little Apology)

I'm sorry. About what? About the Q&A Corner that I promised would be in this volume. Due to the production timeline of the comics, it couldn't be done. Will you forgive me if I say it'll be in the next volume? Aw, don't get mad. Don't cry. Don't hit me. I'll do it. Really, I will. Just wait for volume 4!